

## Quarter 4 Updated Data and Information

**Benchmark Ib.3.4:** Implement SG policy in Milwaukee County through training and continued technical assistance.

**Evidence of Completion:** Summary analysis of use of SG in Milwaukee County

**Benchmark Ib.3.5:** Implement SG policy statewide through training and continued technical assistance.

**Evidence of Completion:** Summary analysis of use of SG statewide

While the legal authority to implement Subsidized Guardianship (SG) statewide was obtained very quickly, implementation of the use of this permanency tool in the Balance of the State continues to evolve. The capacity to enter cases into the system was developed in eWiSACWIS in October. The final release of all implementation tools (which are currently available on the internet) in eWiSACWIS will be in February, 2012. Statewide training was completed, but agencies continue to have questions regarding when SG can be used and how. The department has developed a web page with an online training and other resources to assist counties in answering these questions: [http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/children/statewide\\_subsidized\\_guardianship/default.htm](http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/children/statewide_subsidized_guardianship/default.htm)

The department has also collaborated with the Children's Court Improvement Program to develop training on a series of topics for the program's multi-disciplinary district trainings to take place in fall of 2012. These trainings, which will be held in every court district in the state and will include judges, court personnel, and agency staff, will include practice information on the use of SG, and will be critical to successful implementation of this initiative statewide. The Permanency Workgroup and Case Process Committee have both acknowledged the need for court and agency collaboration for implementation.

Updated data on the use of SG to date is as follows:

From June 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011

- 179 children had an SG service statewide.
- 1 child was from Jackson County
- 1 child was from Lincoln County
- The remaining 177 were from Milwaukee. These would include cases that were eligible in the experimental group under the Waiver project, as well as cases found eligible after statewide implementation.